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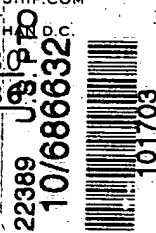
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a CONTINUATION application of PCT/IE02/00046 filed on April 17, 2002 of **David Vincent BYRNE** for **A TRENCH COVER** and which is hereby incorporated by reference. The application comprises a 16-page specification, including 18 claims (1 independent) and Abstract, Declaration and Power of Attorney, and 9 sheets of drawings.

Accompanying the application for filing is:

Preliminary Amendment; and

Small Entity Declaration under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.19 and 1.27.

A certified copy of **Irish** Application No. **S010375**, filed **April 17 2001**, will follow in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and which is hereby incorporated by reference.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown:

Basic Fee for Small Entity		\$385.00
Total Claims	<u>18</u> in excess of 20 = <u>0</u> (x \$9.00) =	.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE		\$385.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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